

1845-1855

B-3224 - B-3233  
926-900 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

This group of houses located along the west side of the 900 block of Light St. were originally all built as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, much like the houses to the west along Hamburg and Henrietta Streets. Many, however, have since been enlarged to a full three stories in height and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. Most currently serve a mixed commercial/residential use. The houses located in the southern half of the block, south of Wheeling St. (916-926 Light St.) were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the unit block of Hamburg St.; those houses located to the north of Wheeling St. (900-914 Light St.) were built by a variety of individual owners.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3230  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

908-910 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
— STRUCTURE  
— SITE  
— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
— BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
— IN PROCESS  
— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
— UNOCCUPIED  
— WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
— YES: UNRESTRICTED  
— NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE — MUSEUM  
— COMMERCIAL — PARK  
— EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
— ENTERTAINMENT — RELIGIOUS  
— GOVERNMENT — SCIENTIFIC  
— INDUSTRIAL — TRANSPORTATION  
— MILITARY — OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# **7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick buildings with shed roof and bracketed cornice represent enlargements of the original gable roofed houses that were built on this site in the late 1840's, and which formed a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St.

The houses are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 80 1/2' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. 908 Light St. has an extra one story high, two bay deep addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by two separate metal cornices of vaguely Neo-Grec design. The cornice at 908 Light St. consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of plain modillions, set above a row of dentils. Two end brackets, terminating at their upper edges in modified anthemions, support the entire cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip, thus forming a deep brick freize area. At 910 Light St. the cornice consists of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a row of egg-and-dart carving. Two end brackets, also terminating in modified anthemions, support the cornice. There is no lower molding strip. The houses share a central, double rectangular, rear roof chimney. Each also has a single hooded chimney located at the western end of the kitchen addition. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

Both houses have wide, round arched first floor window openings. 910 Light St. has a round arched doorway lintel, but 908 Light St. has a flat stone doorway lintel (probably a replacement). The second and third floor window openings of 908 Light St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The upper story windows of 910 Light St. have splayed brick lintels. Both houses have stone sills on all window openings. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. At 908 Light St. a late Victorian glass and panel door is set beneath a deep, rectangular single light transom; at 910 Light St. a modern panel door, with fanlight in the door, is set beneath a single light, round arched transom. The houses sit on fairly high basements, the entrance to 908 Light being reached by two stone steps, and the entrance to 910 Light St. being reached by three stone steps. Each house has a rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1848-49 / enl. c.1886 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert B. Jones and Hugh S. Orem

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof rebuilt as a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added.

Both houses originally served as the homes of blacksmiths who probably worked at their trade in the rear yard space.\* The houses were enlarged by Joseph L. Booze, who acquired the properties separately and remodeled the houses to serve as purely residential structures.<sup>2</sup>

\*(In the 1853-54 Directory, William G. Orem is listed as a granite cutter in the alley west of Light St. from Henrietta St., in addition to the listing for Hugh Orem as a blacksmith at this location.)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50, 1853-54, 1858-59, 1867-68

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 414, Folio 404 (1869), Liber JB 1086, Folio 142 (1886)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

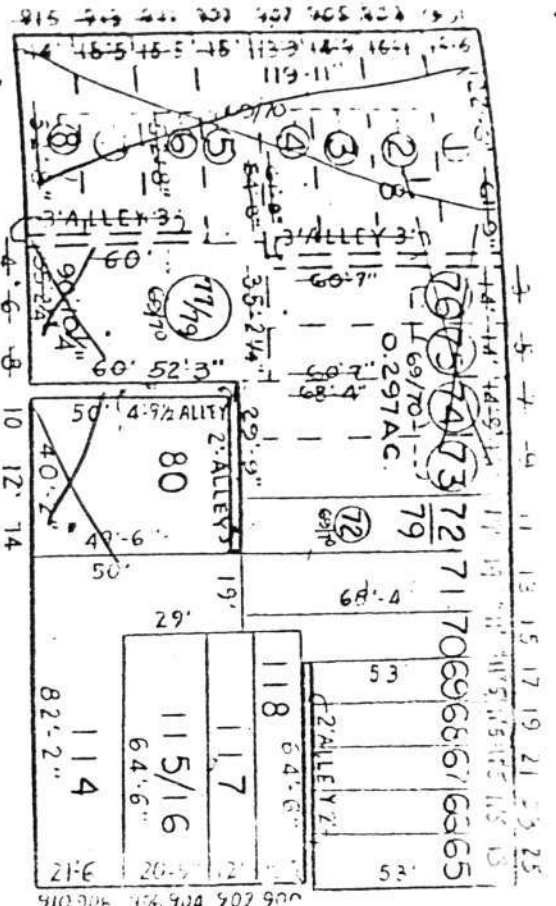
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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HENRIETTA

ST.

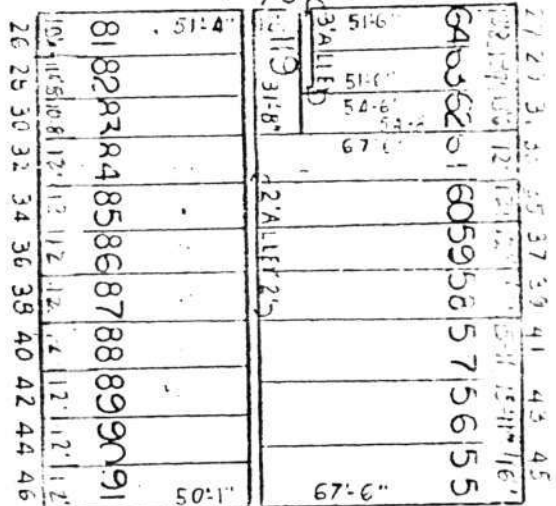


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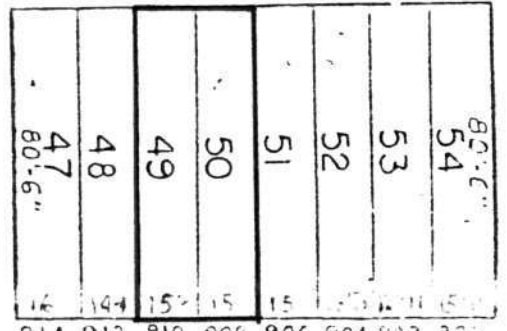
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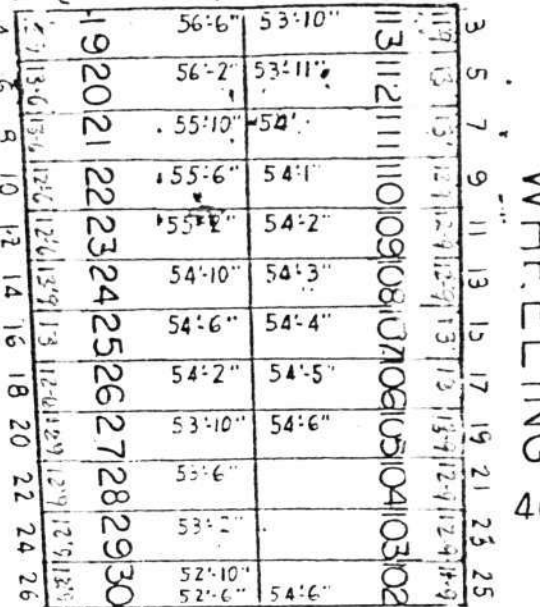
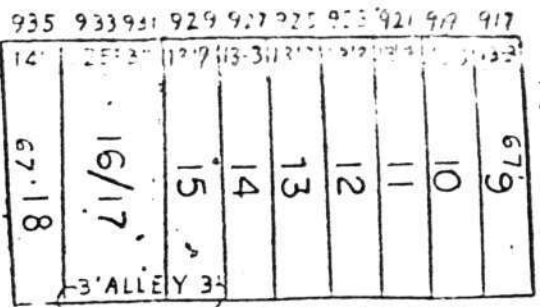
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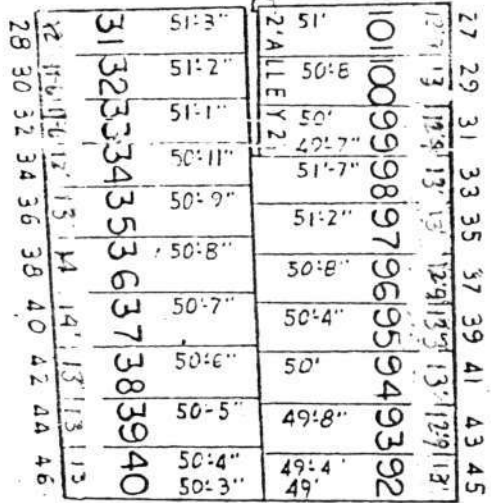
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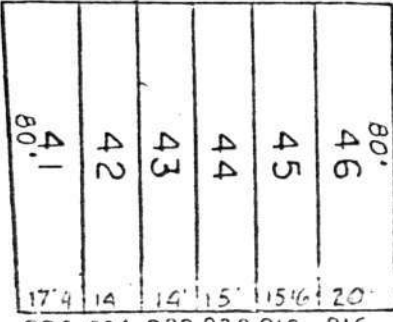
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80'



HARDEN 20'



ALLEY



ST.

LIGHT

E. HAMBURG

ST.

934-B

934-A

919



B-3230  
908-910 Light Street  
Block 0918 Lots 050-049  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3230 908-910 Light St.

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East elevation